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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise, from \$2,242.4 million in November to \$2,577.6 million in December,^{1,2,3} an increase of about 15 percent, resulted primarily from increases in exports of finished manufactures, semimanufactures, crude materials, and manufactured foodstuffs. The December domestic merchandise export total was about 18 percent higher than the December 1963 total of \$2,186.2 million. These totals include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments. With Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments excluded, exports of domestic merchandise were valued at \$2,525.5 million in December, a level about 17 percent higher than the November total of \$2,158.3 million.

The Bureau also stated that annual exports of domestic merchandise, including Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, were valued at \$26,086 million during calendar year 1964, representing an increase of about 13 percent or \$3,026 million over the comparable calendar year 1963 total of \$23,060 million. This change reflected increases in annual exports of all of the economic classes of commodities as follows: finished manufactures, from \$13,372.8 to \$14,893.8 million; semimanufactures, from \$3,341.3 to \$4,067.2 million; crude materials, from \$2,576.7 to \$2,897.5 million; crude foodstuffs, from \$2,273.3 to \$2,540.2 million and manufactured foodstuffs, from \$1,495.8 to \$1,687.4 million. Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, which are included in

these totals, were valued at \$818.2 million in 1964 as compared to \$920.0 million in 1963.

The rise in exports of finished manufactures from \$1,237.6 million in November to \$1,440.7 million December was due in part to increases in exports of machine tools and parts (excluding Special Category, Type 1), from \$27.1 to \$40.8 million; passenger cars, from \$27.9 to \$41.3 million; construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from \$81.9 to \$94.2 million; office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from \$34.2 to \$44.4 million; power generating machinery, from \$30.7 to \$39.8 million; railway transportation equipment, from \$12.2 to \$21.0 million; commercial motor trucks and busses, from \$24.3 to \$33.0 million; textile, sewing, and shoe machinery, from \$14.6 to \$22.4 million; paper and manufactures, from \$30.0 to \$37.4 million; steel mill manufactures, from \$12.8 to \$19.3 million; and tractors, from \$23.9 to \$30.4 million. Exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, also included in this economic class, decreased from \$95.3 to \$87.0 million. The rise in exports of semimanufactures from \$334.5 to \$410.3 million reflected increases in exports of most of the individual items included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these increases were in exports of copper semimanufactures, from \$24.5 to \$34.0 million; plastics and resin materials, from \$30.5 to \$37.6 million; coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products, from \$18.9 to \$25.2 million; wood pulp, from \$14.5 to \$20.4 million; and crude vegetable oils and fats, from \$9.7 to \$14.9 million.

¹See the December 1964 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

²It appears that the December 1964 export total may reflect export shipments made during that month in anticipation of the strike at east and gulf coast ports which eventually began January 11, 1965. However, the Bureau does not have information as to the extent of the effect of the strike on the December export activity.

³The December 1964 export figure also contains about \$80 million in shipments which ordinarily would have been carried over for inclusion in the data for January 1965. These are export shipments inadequately reported each month and requiring investigation and verification for statistical purposes. Because of the introduction of the 1965 Schedule B commodity classifications (beginning in January 1965), and the large amount of time required to convert the 1964 Schedule B commodity codes for these shipments to the new 1965 codes, an extraordinary effort was made to verify these items in time to include them with the December 1964 data.

The increase in exports of crude materials from \$280.8 million in November to \$327.9 million in December, was due to increases in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$50.9 to \$97.9 million, and unmanufactured tobacco, from \$47.4 to \$56.9 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs advanced from \$153.8 to \$172.1 million primarily as a result of increases in exports of refined vegetable oils, fats, and waxes, from \$10.9 to \$22.9 million, and milled rice, from \$11.5 to \$19.6 million. However, exports of manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity, also included in this economic class, fell from \$17.2 to \$10.7 million.

During the period, exports of crude foodstuffs declined from \$235.7 to \$226.6 million, chiefly as a result of a decrease in exports of corn, from \$76.3 to \$61.0 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the airport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under \$100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under \$50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES¹
 DECEMBER 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with statistics through those for December 1963. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified)

Economic class and commodity ¹	December 1964	November 1964	December 1963	Monthly average 1963
Total.....value..	2,32,577.6	42,242.4	2,186.2	51,921.7
Crude materials.....value..	327.9	280.8	284.9	214.7
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	7.9	9.0	7.7	6.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	159,130	190,015	155,257	155,156
value..	14.6	15.6	10.7	10.0
Oilseeds.....value..	71.4	79.7	61.5	42.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	65,854	56,081	56,370	42,124
value..	56.9	47.4	45.6	33.6
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	779	405	642	394
value..	97.9	50.9	86.1	48.9
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	3,852	3,796	3,843	4,203
value..	37.1	34.8	37.3	39.5
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	123	-	165	141
value..	0.4	-	0.5	0.4
All other crude materials.....value..	41.9	43.3	37.4	34.0
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	226.6	235.7	232.6	189.4
Corn.....1,000 bu..	44,665	57,062	54,437	36,492
value..	61.0	76.3	73.4	49.1
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	64,841	61,944	60,019	53,277
value..	115.0	111.2	107.0	95.1
Other grains.....value..	20.2	18.3	23.8	18.7
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	127,375	122,996	154,835	155,221
value..	9.9	8.7	11.1	9.0
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	125,762	92,721	107,019	111,542
value..	11.6	8.6	9.6	9.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	1.2	4.1	0.3	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	5.7	8.6	7.4	7.0
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	172.1	153.8	131.9	124.7
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	66,348	57,497	49,699	47,019
value..	19.0	15.4	14.3	13.0
Lard.....1,000 lb..	42,644	63,516	32,740	44,806
value..	5.1	6.7	3.3	4.0
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	93,095	101,524	70,378	56,620
value..	20.4	19.7	12.1	10.2
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	5,876	6,747	4,319	2,873
value..	3.0	3.3	2.1	1.4
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	273	151	356	219
value..	19.6	11.5	24.7	14.7
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	2,956	2,347	3,878	2,801
value..	12.2	10.4	15.7	10.8
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	4.7	4.3	3.4	4.3
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	15,666	24,399	25,809	17,271
value..	3.1	4.6	5.1	3.5
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	33,875	35,931	28,982	42,857
value..	4.4	5.2	4.0	5.8
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	1,857	2,777	1,763	2,446
value..	2.7	2.3	2.8	3.4
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	157,873	76,715	45,101	71,994
value..	22.9	10.9	5.5	9.2
Sugar and related products.....value..	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.2
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	10.7	17.2	10.6	16.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	41.9	40.5	26.5	25.9
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ²value..	410.3	334.5	302.6	278.4
Leather.....value..	3.3	2.7	4.3	3.4
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	65,279	66,846	55,678	52,865
value..	16.1	16.8	14.5	13.0

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
DECEMBER 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity ¹	December 1964	November 1964	December 1963	Monthly average 1963
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁷ —Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	5.3	5.1	4.4	3.8
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	118,231	84,892	62,873	59,592
.....value..	14.9	9.7	6.7	6.0
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	37,426	35,248	36,295	33,977
.....value..	5.2	5.0	5.3	4.8
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	20,379	12,495	11,203	12,617
.....value..	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.8
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	27,453	21,841	18,980	18,127
.....value..	22.2	17.9	15.4	13.1
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd. ft..	71,957	75,706	84,415	73,055
.....value..	9.5	9.0	10.5	9.0
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. tons..	152	112	142	118
.....value..	20.4	14.5	18.1	15.2
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	2,275	1,929	1,896	2,685
.....value..	5.9	4.8	4.6	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l. tons..	237	152	114	134
.....value..	5.1	3.6	2.3	2.8
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	10.1	6.3	5.1	2.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	36,254	34,529	17,537	19,696
.....value..	3.8	3.3	2.3	2.3
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	158,542	172,507	158,317	124,510
.....value..	19.7	20.1	19.5	15.5
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	65,717	56,366	65,585	68,844
.....value..	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.9
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	25.0	20.6	17.9	16.8
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	16.7	12.8	11.1	11.3
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	34.0	24.5	21.4	16.6
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	25.2	18.9	20.3	18.4
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	120,384	93,847	80,821	75,868
.....value..	37.6	30.5	26.4	24.4
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁷value..	45.8	42.6	30.8	34.2
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	43,660	35,253	33,880	40,894
.....value..	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.5
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	269,480	88,837	131,021	109,612
.....value..	6.5	2.9	3.5	2.5
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁷value..	67.3	53.0	48.6	44.1
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,440.7	1,237.6	1,234.3	1,114.4
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	165	167	73	82
.....value..	3.4	3.3	2.2	2.5
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	12.3	10.6	9.4	9.3
Cigarettes.....millions..	2,843	2,042	1,964	1,968
.....value..	13.0	9.3	9.0	8.9
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	3.5	1.5	0.7	1.1
Cotton cloth.....value..	9.7	8.3	9.8	9.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	8.8	7.8	7.5	7.4
Wool manufactures.....value..	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	22.0	19.7	16.1	14.8
Other textile manufactures.....value..	7.5	6.3	6.0	5.9
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	4.5	3.6	3.0	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	37.4	30.0	28.0	26.1
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	3.9	3.0	4.4	2.7
Lubricating oil.....value..	19.7	16.2	21.8	19.1
Glass and products.....value..	11.6	10.4	9.1	8.1
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	19.3	12.8	13.8	13.2
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	51.6	45.4	40.0	40.3
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	16,698	13,655	17,358	17,294
.....value..	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.7
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	41.0	39.8	35.2	33.5
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	112.7	95.6	108.7	80.1
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	39.8	30.7	26.5	26.3
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	94.2	81.9	85.2	73.7
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁷value..	40.8	27.1	24.0	21.0
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	17.8	15.3	18.3	16.0
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	22.4	14.6	15.4	12.6
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	142.8	114.9	113.5	104.6

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
DECEMBER 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity ¹	December 1964	November 1964	December 1963	Monthly average 1963
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	44.4	34.2	31.0	30.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	18.1	16.5	12.7	15.2
Tractors.....number..	5,667	4,337	4,803	5,895
.....value..	30.4	23.9	25.1	21.6
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	17.1	17.1	14.6	13.6
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	14,760	10,132	13,477	10,280
.....value..	33.0	24.3	32.3	23.5
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	19,832	13,812	34,078	13,363
.....value..	41.3	27.9	54.5	23.8
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	78.1	77.8	80.7	64.1
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	13.9	5.4	5.6	11.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	87.0	95.3	86.4	103.8
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	13	8	3	6
.....value..	1.6	5.1	0.2	0.9
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	21.0	12.2	17.4	12.0
Antibiotics.....value..	5.7	4.3	4.3	4.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	24.6	18.0	17.1	17.5
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	1.5	2.5	4.1	4.7
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	16.9	17.5	21.5	18.3
Special Category Type 1 ⁷value..	27.7	45.6	30.8	33.2
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁷value..	232.7	194.5	183.0	171.7

¹Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. ²Includes \$52.1 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$17.0 million to Western Europe). ³See footnotes 2 and 3 on front page of this report. ⁴Includes \$84.1 million Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (\$28.8 million to Western Europe). ⁵Includes \$63.1 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (\$22.1 million to Western Europe). ⁶Includes \$76.7 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (\$26.0 million to Western Europe). ⁷See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included.

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